Government has extended the benefit of Vishesh Krishi Upaj Yojana to the poultry and dairy sector. Under the scheme, exporters are entitled for duty credit scrip equivalent to 5% FOB value of exports for each licensing year.

The State Government of Tamil Nadu had proposed to set up infrastructure facility to be used by the poultry farmers at Namakkal at a cost of Rs. 258 lakhs. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) had approved financial assistance of Rs. 90.00 lakhs to set up such facility.

Mega status to power projects

*570. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to grant mega status to power projects of 250 MW capacity instead of 1000 MW;

(b) if so, the additional benefits that would accrue to the new plants once given Mega status;

(c) whether this would be applicable both the thermal and hydro power plants;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the detials of power plants located in Orissa that would be granted Mega Status?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SYEED): (a) There were suggestions to lower the threshold qualifying capacity for Mega projects to 250 MW based on the representations received from various stakeholders including State Governments and private power projects developers. However, no decision has been taken in the matter.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.